



FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024

Happy half term! I hope you all enjoy a restful break, with some sunshine hopefully!

Mrs Frampton

Half Term

School will close for a week from today to 31 May. We reopen at usual times on 3rd June.

Goodbye

Today we said goodbye to Miss Musty who has been with us for a year as a TA. We wish her well in her new role at Portfield and thank her for all her amazing work here. I sent a letter regarding Miss Briant's promotion earlier today and we will be sad to say goodbye to her at the end of this year.

Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.
The school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

Year group	School	National
1	92.7%	94.3%
2	93.7%	94.6%
3	92.8%	94.8%
4	92.2%	94.8%
5	93.4%	94.6%
6	90.0%	94.5%

These figures are well below national expectations but there has been some improvement—thank you! . Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.

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Changes to attendance rules for all schools from September 2024

Changes will come in to force from September 2024 as introduced by the DfE. Some of these have been widely reported in the media but not all. We have been asked by the DfE to share these messages with you so you are fully informed.

- All schools will be asked to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons in a rolling 10 week period
- The fine will be £80 per parent if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any 3 year period, it will automatically be charged at £160
- Fines will be capped to 2 fines within any 3 year period. After this, legal action such as a Parenting Order or prosecution will be considered
- If you are prosecuted for your child not attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500
- The DfE have made it clear that any form of holiday is not considered an 'exceptional circumstance' and as such would not be authorised. The 'H' code will be removed from September and therefore schools cannot code any absence as a holiday

Thank you

A big thank you to our work experience students: Darcy, Hayden and Elliot for all their hard work this week. We hope you learnt a lot!

Outstanding payments

If your child uses Breakfast Club or you order lunches and are not entitled to free school meals, it is vital these are paid for promptly. The school does not have the funds to subsidise these payments. Unfortunately, moving forward, if we do not receive payment by the end of the week, your child will not be able to use Breakfast Club or we will not be able to provide a lunch until the debt is cleared.

If you need some support financially, please do come and talk to us as we are likely to be able to help.

Please also check if your child is eligible for free school meals by checking at

[Services - BCP Council Online](#)

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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**New After School Child Care Provision!!
NOW OPEN!
Book NOW!
Details below**

After school child care provision

We are really excited to let you know that our after school child care club, run by Premier Education is now open. The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. You can book your child for either

End of day until 5.30 (£9)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875746>

End of day until 4.30 (£4)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875743>

4.30-5.30 (if your child is going to a sports club at school first) (£5)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875748>

Children will have a snack and a drink and take part in a range of activities. The club will be held in the old computing room near the Y5 and Y6 gate. Collection is from the outside doors to the room which will be clearly signed.

Booking is essential and children cannot attend the provision without payment being made in advance. Booking can be made until 2pm on the previous day.

We appreciate the costs are higher than Breakfast Club which is run by the school.

The only way we are able to keep costs of Breakfast Club as low as they are is because we receive funding from the National Schools Programme and Waitrose.

This funding is only available to school breakfast clubs.

Premier Education do accept childcare vouchers.

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